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Rep. Hetherington Announces Edward Zimmerman of New Canaan Appointment to Commuter Council



NEW CANAAN--State Rep. John C. Hetherington, R-125th District, New Canaan, Wilton, announced the reappointment of Edward H. Zimmerman, Jr., of New Canaan to a new four-year term on the Metro-North New Haven Rail Commuter Council.

Rep. Hetherington recommended Mr. Zimmerman for the reappointment, and House Minority Leader Robert M. Ward (R-86th District, North Branford) made the appointment as he is authorized under state law.

The council studies and investigates all aspects of the daily operation of the Connecticut commuter railroad system, including the New Haven line, the New Canaan, Danbury and Waterbury branches and the Shoreline East commuter rail line east of New Haven. The council monitors performance and recommends changes to improve the efficiency and quality of service on the line.

In making the appointment, **Rep. Ward** said, "I hope that your service in this position will continue to be challenging and satisfying. I know that the talents and expertise you bring to it will be of great value and service to our state and its citizens."

Rep. Hetherington added, "I am happy to see that Ed Zimmerman will continue to serve on this council and maintain his efforts on behalf of Connecticut passengers who make more than 30 million Metro-North trips a year."

Edward Zimmerman first commuted as a student in the 1930s on the long-defunct New York, Westchester & Boston Railway and began commuting to New York City in 1947. Mr. Zimmerman served as administrator of the National Association of Customer Accounting Administrator, a nonprofit, member-driven trade body founded in 1984. With more than 35 years of experience in marketing, copywriting, planning and administering trade promotion programs, Mr. Zimmerman served until 1995 as vice president for cooperative advertising development for the Advertising Checking Bureau, the nation's pioneer and largest manager of manufacturers' advertising and promotion allowances to retailers.

Rep. Hetherington serves the 125th Assembly District of New Canaan and Wilton in the state House of Representatives. He is ranking member of the Labor and Public Employees Committee, and a member of the Transportation Committee and Program Review and Investigations Committee.